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## IN THE FROZEN NORTH

The Annual Report of the Governor of  
Alaska.

TELLS AS TO SEAL FISHING

In That Remote Region Mining Is  
Looking Up and Many Im-  
provements Are Being  
Constantly Made.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—James Sheakeley, governor of Alaska, has submitted his annual report to the secretary of the interior of the general conditions of the territory. He says:

"Notwithstanding the unfavorable climatic conditions of the spring and early summer months, many new enterprises were entered upon, and old ones completed. The fisheries have been useful and the mines have yielded profitable returns, the population has been largely augmented by immigration and the people have enjoyed a season of progress and prosperity.

"The civil officers have been vigilant and faithful in the discharge of their duties, and, in view of the extent of the territory over which they exercise authority, and the absence of transportation and other facilities indispensable for the execution of the law, crime is less frequent, and law and order are quite as well enforced as in some of the more densely populated and highly civilized communities. The building of sawmills and the manufacture of lumber in the territory have been revolutionized and improved the manner of constructing the habitations in all of the villages.

"The leading trait in the character of the Alaskan is imitiveness. Being possessed of considerable mechanical skill and being willing to work, they purchase lumber and erect modern houses. Some of these houses are built in an original style of architecture and painted in the colors of a barbaric state, but are comfortable and indicate the progress the builders have made toward civilization.

"The impress of the missionaries is visible in all parts of southeast Alaska and they deserve the commendation of all for the good they have accomplished."

The governor estimates the population at about 52,000. The Siberian reindeer experiment, he thinks, will prove successful. Good progress is made in education. Considerable trouble has been experienced in preventing the sale of intoxicating liquors. He says Alaska has 4,000 miles of sea coast and the revenue officers have serious difficulty in preventing smuggling. The patrol of Behring sea has not prevented poaching.

The governor says: "Lieutenant Commander Drake, U. S. N., in command of the U. S. S. Albatross, and who came into the port of Sitka, Sept. 27, 10 days from the seal islands, reports that 40 vessels were in Behring sea hunting for seal during the months of August and September, and had taken on an average 1,000 skins each, 72 per cent. of which were females. He also stated that but 12 per cent. of the vessels were American, the others being mostly British.

"It is obvious if this destructive marauding is allowed to continue it will be but a few years when the seal rookeries of Alaska will be entirely deserted, and the business of seal sealing will have passed into history."

Alaska, Governor Sheakeley says, is a great fishing country. Food fishes are inexhaustible, codfish, salmon and halibut being the most important, but there are nearly 100 other kinds.

More government buildings are necessary for the accommodation of public business. Mining is elevating in Alaska and promises to be a permanent industry. Some veins of rich gold bearing quartz have been discovered during the two years past. The Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining company in one year made net profits of \$44,000. This is the biggest quartz mill in America, having 340 stamps.

### SKIPPED.

Wyoming's Penitentiary Is Why One Here Important Prisoner.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Nov. 18.—John Treghing, serving a life sentence in the state penitentiary for the murder of George B. Henderson in Fremont county in 1891, escaped in some manner unknown yesterday afternoon during a snow storm. Warden Adams has offered \$500 reward for the apprehension of the prisoner. Treghing is the second prisoner who has got away in the past few months, Kinch McKinney, a cattle thief, being the other.

### SOME VERY FANCY SPORT.

Fleetwood Park Has a Good Programme For To-Morrow.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—There will some fancy trotting and pacing at Fleetwood park, Tuesday next. The following record makers will contest: Aliz will go to beat the track record of 2:06 1/4, made by Nancy Hanks; John R. Gentry will start to beat Directum's over the Fleetwood course; Flying Jib and running mate, record 1:58 1/4, will go to beat 2:30.

### OH DEAR, OH DEAR!

Now Governor Waite Threatens to Get Even With the People.

DENVER, Nov. 18.—Governor Waite has decided to go upon the lecture platform. He will make a short tour in the West before his term expires, delivering his first lecture at St. Louis, Nov. 19 or 20, and going from there to Chicago. After his term expires he will lecture in the East.

### CECIL RHODES IS HOT.

He Thinks America Is Real Mean for Putting a Duty On Diamonds.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—Regarding the diamond trade Premier Cecil Rhodes of Cape Colony, who amassed such a large fortune as director of the various diamond mines at Kimberly that he obtained the designation of "the diamond king," said in an interview: "We went to Chicago and spent \$10,000 at the world's fair. The only thing I made in return was a prohibitive duty. America has usually taken about one-third of the export of cut diamonds, but

during the last few years of the depression in the United States the sale has been much reduced. We find when one part of the world is depressed that trade with others is improved. The output of diamonds is regulated. We could mine three times the quantity of diamonds produced, but we could not use them, and there is no advantage in producing beyond a certain amount.

"I am a free trader, but if a country persistently shuts out the products of another country, I believe the country discriminated against is perfectly justified in shutting out the products of the country which first imposed discriminating duties."

### READY FOR THE BIG CONGRESS.

The Questions to Be Discussed at St. Louis This Week.

ST. LOUIS, Nov. 18.—Arrangements have been practically completed for the Trans-mississippi congress which will meet here on the 26th instant, to discuss, as the call states, all questions which may affect the interests of the people in the territory lying west of the Mississippi, and which may be a subject of legislation by the United States congress, and to express through resolutions, the sentiment of the western people. It will also endeavor to take such steps for the presentation of these sessions to that body as will command its attention and action.

While any such question may properly be brought forward for discussion, among those most prominent are: The reclamation of silver, the irrigation of arid and other lands, the disposition of Indian and public lands, the Nicaraguan canal, additional bankruptcy laws, the improvement of western river and harbors, anti-option legislation, mining laws and the admission of territories to statehood.

Three sessions have already been arranged for and the subjects will be Monday—Irrigation; speaker, Hon. Elwood Mead, president of the National Irrigation congress and state engineer of Wyoming; Hon. Wm. E. Smythe, chairman of the executive committee of the National Irrigation congress, and editor of the *Irrigation Age*; Hon. J. E. Merry of Lawrence, Kansas, and F. H. Newell of the United States geological survey. Tuesday—The Nicaragua canal, Prof. Courtney De Kalbe of the school of mines of the university of Missouri, and Capt. W. W. Merry of San Francisco. Reception in trade, ex-Governor Sturges of Missouri, our relations with Hawaii, Hugh Craig of San Francisco. Wednesday—The reclamation of silver, ex-Governor Price of New Mexico; Col. George E. Leighton of St. Louis; Hon. Thomas M. Patterson, ex-congressman from Colorado, and the editor of the *Rocky Mountain News*, and ex-Governor Anthony of Kansas.

### McKINLEY GETS AN INVITATION.

They Ask Him to Go to Washington Court House to Investigate.

WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, Ohio, Nov. 18.—The mayor, in support of the coroner's verdict, has sent a second letter to Governor McKinley, inviting and urging him to come to Washington Court House to investigate personally the charges of murder against Colonel Coit and Sheriff Cook. The mayor insists that this was no mob, and that the people of Fayette county have done nothing to justify such stories as have been started by Colonel Coit and his friends.

### IN HARD LINES.

Dave Sayre Discovers the Way of the Transgressor Is No Plein.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Secretary Herbert has approved the sentence of a court martial in the case of David B. Sayre, clerk to Paymaster J. E. McCann, who was convicted at Norfolk of embezzling \$1,001 from the government. Sayre will be confined for two years in the Boston naval prison with loss of all pay save \$10 per month and \$125 upon the termination of the sentence, and then to be dishonorably discharged from the service.

### CON RIORDAN'S FUNERAL.

The Man Who Killed Him Was One of His Felt Beavers.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Nov. 18.—The funeral of Con Riordan was held to-day. It was attended by the members of the Fitzsimmons Variety company and a large number of sporting men. Services were conducted by Rev. A. S. Durston, secretary of the local Y. M. C. A. The pall bearers were Fitzsimmons, Joe Dunfee, Frank Sullivan, Dick Whittle, Edward Forrest and Captain Glor, manager of the Fitzsimmons company. At the conclusion of the services the body was taken to a vault at Oakwood.

### THEY CAN'T LAND.

Judge Bellinger Decides Against Chinese Aliens.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 18.—United States District Judge Bellinger has rendered a decision refusing to land all Chinamen except native born. If the Chinese, born in this country, are refused a landing by the collectors of customs, they appeal to the court in accordance with the decision of Judge Meyer. In the case of aliens Judge Bellinger holds that only the secretary of the treasury can reverse the collector of customs.

### HERALDING THE FUNERAL.

To-Day the Body of the Czar Alexander Will Be Laid to Rest.

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 18.—Following a custom that has prevailed ever since the death of Peter the Great, imperial heralds paraded throughout the city to-day and announced that the funeral of Czar Alexander would take place to-morrow in the cathedral of St. Peter and St. Paul. Immense crowds are still waiting to gain admission to the cathedral to view the czar's body for the last time.

### THROUGH THE CEILING.

That's the Road Two Prisoners in Canon City Took to Liberty.

CANON CITY, Colo., Nov. 17.—Two prisoners, Hitchens and Furman, escaped from the county jail early to-day. They cut their way through the ceiling and broke the thick iron door. They entered the sheriff's office and stole four revolvers and a certificate of deposit for \$3,000. They left a note saying whoever followed them had better come prepared to shoot.

## FOR GRIM-VISAGED WAR

Mexico in Shape to Give Guatemala a  
Trouncing.

ALL READY FOR THE FRAY

The Preparations Indicate That  
There Will Be No Fooling  
About It When Hostilities  
Actually Begin.

COMITAN, Mex., Nov. 18.—New troops have arrived and taken a station covering the line. There is the strongest possible feeling here in favor of war with Guatemala. The Chapana people are willing to shoulder muskets, and many of them have made offers to the government for arms for war purposes.

The people of the Guatemalan frontier are more bitter in their complaints against the Guatemalan government which has lately relieved all the authorities who were from this section and have appointed people from the interior to fill their positions, and an uprising is imminent.

An agent of the Guatemalan government is here trying to purchase horses for cavalry. The Tenth Mexican infantry covers the frontier, and besides the new national guard has its headquarters here.

### MOVING THE TROOPS.

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Nov. 18.—The 19th infantry has embarked on gunboats to go to Toluca. Two hundred and fifty thousand cartridges have been shipped south within the last few weeks. The fourth infantry is expected here in a few days to go to Toluca also.

### MAKING CARTRIDGES.

CITY OF MEXICO, Nov. 18.—The National arms factory here is turning out cartridges as fast as possible. The greatest bustle is noticeable in the war department. This is giving rise to many rumors. It is rumored Assistant Secretary of War Escudero is going to Vera Cruz within a few days to see about better transportation for the troops to the Guatemalan frontier.

### READY FOR THE FRAY.

MAZATLAN, Mex., Nov. 18.—The steamship *Jandrow* is now ready to take on her new armament and it is reported she will immediately get ready to take 1,000 soldiers to the Guatemalan frontier, from Acapulco.

### JUST BOILING FOR A FIGHT.

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS, Mex., Nov. 18.—The greatest enthusiasm exists in this state in favor of war. The government has been asked to accept volunteers. Societies have been organized who will tender their services to the state and federal government and expect to be sent to the front. A number of Guatemalan spies are known to be on the frontier and near the military camps, but so far no attention has been paid to them except to order them away.

### TEMPERANCE AND TAMMANY.

These Subjects Were Discussed in a  
Somewhat Interesting Way Yesterday.

CLEVELAND, Nov. 18.—Business was laid aside to-day by the delegates and officers of the National W. C. T. U. convention. The hours were devoted to worship and rest. Many of the visitors spoke in pulpits thrown open to them by city pastors. A mass meeting was held in Music hall at 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Dr. James W. Bashford, of the Ohio Wesleyan university, was accorded the honor of delivering the annual sermon. The preacher took for his text Matthew VI. 1: "Thy Kingdom Come, Thy Will be Done on Earth as it is in Heaven." He said the aim of the W. C. T. U. was to bring in the kingdom of heaven on earth. He thought the subject for consideration of the hour should be "The Problem to be Solved in Bringing in the Kingdom," and "The Best Solution of the Problems Which Confront Our Civilization." One of these problems he regarded to be the growth of cities. With the increase in population has also come an increase in the tax rate.

In the early part of his address Dr. Bashford turned to a discussion of Tammany. "We have all just witnessed," said he, "a humiliating revelation of municipal corruption in the chief city of the land. It is now established that Tammany has been stealing \$15,000,000 a year. The question of municipal government is a national problem. If the corruption of our cities grows with the cities' growth during the next half century, the republic is doomed. Do we not need to pray earnestly to-day, 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven?'"

World wide relations were next discussed. "We are spiritually asleep," said the preacher, "dreaming the self-same dreams of race supremacy that wrecked the greatest nations of the world. Meanwhile Jehovah is saying to us, as He said to the Jews of old, 'Either serve the world or perish.'"

"The latter part of the sermon was an account of the temperance movement in Washington's time. Washington, 100 years ago, was characterized as a temperance reformer. Washington owned a distillery and sold whiskey. His expense account, in his own handwriting, shows he spent money freely for liquor when he was a candidate for the house of burgesses, and yet one of the first temperance organizations 100 years ago took refuge under his name and called itself the Washington society. At the rate which temperance reform had progressed since that time the ultimate triumph of its progress would be seen in the 20th century."

After the sermon a rousing suffragist meeting was held, presided over by Susan B. Anthony.

### NERVE D D IT.

Narrow Escape of a Train From the  
Claws of Robbers.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 18.—Shortly after midnight this morning an attempt to hold up passenger train No. 5 on the Yazoo & Mississippi Valley road at Panther Run, Miss., was balked by the coolness of Engineer Koenig.

Panther Run is a small way station. Soon after midnight half a dozen strange men entered the hamlet and hung around for an hour or two. Then they disap-

appeared and were not seen again, until the train had stopped and was starting out, when one of them appeared on the track ahead, signalling the engineer to stop.

Koenig pulled out the throttle and sent the train through. As it passed the signal light half a dozen unmasked men stood there, revolvers in hand, and all took shots at the locomotive cab. Fireman Cole received a bullet through the arm and is seriously wounded.

The men were evidently now at the business. The railway officials are exerting themselves as apprehend the would-be robbers.

### WHEN NEXT CONGRESS MEETS.

Gossip About the Way the Committee May Be Made Up.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The house committees which are expected to be of the greatest importance in the next congress are the ways and means, the appropriations, rules, and banking and currency, coinage, weights and measures, rivers and harbors, and public buildings and grounds. The first three named always head the list in the order of importance. The others are expected to assume importance in the next congress because of the special conditions which will prevail during that congress.

The banking committee will certainly be one of the most important committees on the list if there should be an effort, as is hinted there may be, to revise the currency laws and change the present system. The probability that the republican party, when it comes into power in the house, will want to formulate a policy on this question, will have the effect also of advancing the coinage committee to the position of prominence.

The rivers and harbors and public buildings committee will have the delicate task of providing for public improvements. With so many new members on the republican side of the chamber, and all of them feeling it would be necessary to make a showing to their constituents, there will naturally be a pretty general clamor of applications for postoffice buildings, custom houses and river and harbor improvements.

Herman of Oregon takes first place in the republican membership of this committee. Milliken of Maine leads the republican buildings. Mr. Walker of Massachusetts is senior member, and his chances for the chairmanship of the banking and currency committee are best. Mr. Stone of Pennsylvania would naturally become chairman of the committee on weights and measures and coinage if he desired the place. In the natural order of events Hon. J. C. Burrows of Michigan will become chairman of the ways and means committee, with Mr. Reed in the speaker's chair, but there is little doubt that he will be given this important post, which carries with it the republican leadership on the floor of the house, if he falls in his ambition to succeed Senator Patton in the senate.

With Reed in the speaker's chair and Burrows in the senate, there would be only three republican members of the present committee left to choose from, these being Payne of New York, Dabell of Pennsylvania and Hopkins of Illinois. D. E. Henderson of Iowa is the ranking republican member of the appropriations committee, with Cannon of Illinois also a possibility. It is possible neither Cannon nor Henderson will get the place, for, in the event of Burrows becoming chairman of the ways and means committee, the probabilities are strong that the East would demand the chairmanship of the next most important, which would be appropriations. In that contingent Cannon's chances for being promoted to the head of the committee would be excellent.

If Reed becomes speaker of the house, the republican chairmanship of the committee on rules will probably be composed of himself and the chairman of the appropriation and ways and means committee. He pursued this plan in the Thirty-first congress, and there is reason to believe that he would revive it rather than imitate Crisp in the policy of distributing the honors.

### COLLINS MUST NOT HANG.

That Is the Edict of the Colored Population of Atchison.

ATCHISON, Kan., Nov. 18.—The negroes armed themselves early this morning to prevent the threatened lynching of negro Collins, a suspected rapist. Soon after 3 o'clock this morning Police Sergeant Donohoe found about 30 negroes armed with shotguns and revolvers in an alley back of Baker Clark's residence. He ordered them to disperse, but they refused to obey and defied him to arrest them.

With augmented force this crowd soon surrounded the jail shouting Collins should not be lynched. The sheriff also went to the jail with a strong force to protect the prisoner. At daylight the mob dispersed. The talk of lynching is further heard, but no mob has gathered with such an intention.

### Crushed to Death.

CHESTER, Pa., Nov. 18.—Charles Smith of Kentucky, the property man for the "South Before the War" company, which played here last night, met with a horrible death this morning. The company was quartered in a car on the track of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad. Smith was smoking on the rear platform, when the train backed on a siding with a bump, knocking Smith over the rear of the car. Before reaching the ground he was caught between the two cars and crushed to death.

### General Miles in New Quarters.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—General Miles left the city to-day for New York, where he will assume command of the department of the East. Four officers, who have been attached to the headquarters of the department of the Missouri for the last four years, will be members of General Miles' official family at Governor's island. They are Captains E. L. Higgins, Marion P. Mann, and Francis M. Miller, his aide-de-camp, and Capt. James Allen, chief signal officer of this department.

### Under the Treasury's Chief.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—The attorney general has rendered an opinion defining the status of the board of general customs appraisers at New York, in which he holds that they are subordinate officers of the treasury department.

## HE DIED FOR DUCATS

When the Money Was Paid Over He  
Turned Up.

IT WAS THE WRONG CORPSE

A Gigantic Swindle Unearthed  
Whereby an Insurance Com-  
pany Was Defrauded Out  
of Many Thousands.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 18.—By the arrest of R. H. Holmes, alias Howard, in Boston, a gigantic swindling scheme has been unearthed by the detectives of the Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance association of this city. On Sept. 3 last the corpse of a man was found at 1316 Callow Hill street, in this city, and was buried by the corner under the name of H. J. Pitzel.

Now it appears that the corpse was a bold substitute for the purpose of defrauding the insurance company of \$10,000.

Attorney Howe of St. Louis appeared in Philadelphia, accompanied by a young girl, whom he represented as a daughter of the dead man. It was decided by the insurance company to exhum the body, which was done by the officials of the company. The officials were satisfied and the body was reburied, and Attorney Howe received \$10,000, representing the sum due Mrs. Pitzel.

A month ago one of the company's agents, while in St. Louis, became cognizant of some of the facts, and formulated the story of the conspiracy. He discovered Holmes and Howe had been related in the character of lawyer and client in a case where Holmes had been arrested under the name of H. M. Howard for obtaining goods under false pretenses. Then it was found that Holmes and Pitzel had been in business together in Chicago during the world's fair, where they conducted a hotel with secret rooms in which they hid goods obtained by swindling merchants. The place was called World's Fair hotel.

While here Pitzel took out a policy with the Fidelity company, and Holmes followed his example a month later, both giving notes for the first payment. Holmes was chased all over the country. It was learned that Pitzel and Holmes obtained, by some means or other, a corpse from the New York hospital, brought it here, surrounded it by the evidence of the incidents of death in the Callow Hill street house, and obtained the \$10,000. Holmes was arrested in Boston by detectives, who are now after the other conspirator.

### REV. MR. LEWIS INJURED.

He Fell From a Loft and Had Three Ribs  
Broken.

Special Dispatch to the Standard.

BOZEMAN, Nov. 18.—Last evening Rev. F. B. Lewis, rector of the Episcopal church, while in the loft of his barn, where he had gone to throw down some hay to his horses, stopped through an open trap door and fell to the floor beneath, breaking three ribs.

Rev. Mr. Lewis' popularity in this community is not confined to his own congregation and he has the sympathy of every citizen of Bozeman in his misfortune.

Vic Cline, a ranchman living about three miles from Bozeman, had a fine set of harness and a saddle stolen during the week, and through having reported the theft promptly to Sheriff Caldwell, he now has the stolen articles, while four men are in jail on the charge of being implicated in the theft. By telephone Sheriff Caldwell notified his deputies throughout the county and the same day Deputy Murphy of Manhattan, who had at once started out on a little scout, rounded up three strange men with a team, and he found the missing articles in their wagon. They laid the theft to another man who, they said, was in Three Forks, and Deputy Murphy, upon turning over his three prisoners, again struck out and on Thursday evening lodged the fourth man in jail, having found him in a deserted cabin on the Madison. It was good work and the secret of the catch was promptness.

### IS HE JACK THE CHOKER.

An Italian Captured in Denver Under  
Thrilling Circumstances.

DENVER, Colo., Nov. 18.—H. Moller, an Italian, entered the house of Marie Ventres at 1330 20th street, near Market, about midnight last night, and soon became engaged in a quarrel with the woman, and without the least warning he caught her by the throat. He pressed his thumbs tightly upon her windpipe, and squeezed so hard the woman was not able to utter a sound. She imagined the man engaged in choking her was the one who had strangled Lena Tappor, Marie Contassot and Kiku Oyama.

She is a woman of physical strength, and she managed to release herself. She screamed for help, and when an officer arrived Moller was trying to cut her throat with a razor.

Chief of Police Armstrong and the police generally think Moller is nothing more than an ill-tempered Italian. The detectives are not enthusiastic in the idea that their prisoner is the man who strangled three women recently.

### SILVER.

The Outlook Is Growing Brighter for the  
White Metal.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The important gold movements during the past week materially strengthened money rates. The continued demand for bullion for the continent is expected to suffice to maintain the rates at the present level. Both China and India are buying silver. Rumors are current of an attempt to corner silver in America.

### Howard Hospital.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Nov. 18.—Governor Osborne has granted a 14 days' stay of execution to Frank Howard, under sentence to be hanged at Rawlins Nov. 23 for the murder of Deputy Sheriff Horn at Dixon last January. The stay was granted to enable Howard's attorney to present reasons why the sentence should be commuted to life imprisonment.